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an interface for receiving signals in establishing a first communication connection, the first communication connection being initiated by an initiator using a communications apparatus, one or more data elements in the data source which are associated with the initiator being located based on an identifier in the received signals which identifies the communications apparatus;

a receiver for receiving from the initiator a request for disclosing to the initiator a selected one of the data elements, the selected data element being associated with an access right requirement;

a processor for identifying an access right of the initiator concerning the selected data element, disclosure of the selected data element to the initiator being prohibited when the access right of the initiator does not meet the access right requirement; and

a device for offering to establish a second communication connection for the initiator based on the selected data element despite a prohibition of the disclosure of the selected data element to the initiator.

25. (Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein the selected data element includes contact information.

28. (Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein at least one of the first and second communication connections includes a telephone connection.

29. (Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein at least one of the first and second communication connections includes an Internet connection.

41. (Twice Amended) A system for providing a communications service using a database comprising:

an interface for receiving from a user a request for communicating with a desired

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party;

a first device for searching the database for contact information concerning the desired party to which a communication connection is to be established for the user, the contact information being associated with an access right requirement concerning disclosure of the contact information;

a processor for identifying an access right of the user;

a controller for prohibiting disclosure of the contact information to the user when the access right of the user does not satisfy the access right requirement; and

a second device for establishing a communication connection for the user based on the contact information despite a prohibition of disclosure of the contact information to the user.

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47. (Three Times Amended) A method for maintaining a data source for use in directory assistance comprising:

receiving signals in establishing a first communication connection, the first communication connection being initiated by an initiator using a communications apparatus, one or more data elements in the data source which are associated with the initiator being located based on an identifier in the received signals which identifies the communications apparatus;

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receiving from the initiator a request for disclosing to the initiator a selected one of the data elements, the selected data element being associated with an access right requirement;

identifying an access right of the initiator concerning the selected data element;

prohibiting disclosure of the selected data element to the initiator when the access right of the initiator does not meet the access right requirement; and

offering to establish a second communication connection for the initiator based on the selected data element despite a prohibition of disclosure of the selected data element

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to the initiator.

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50. (Amended) The method of claim 47 wherein the selected data element includes contact information.

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53. (Amended) The method of claim 47 wherein at least one of the first and second communication connections includes a telephone connection.

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54. (Amended) The method of claim 47 wherein at least one of the first and second communication connections includes an Internet connection.

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66. (Twice Amended) A method for providing a communications service using a database comprising:

receiving from a user a request for communicating with a desired party;
searching the database for contact information concerning the desired party to which a communication connection is to be established for the user, the contact information being associated with an access right requirement concerning disclosure of the contact information;

identifying an access right of the user;
prohibiting disclosure of the contact information to the user when the access right of the user does not satisfy the access right requirement; and
establishing a communications connection for the user based on the contact information despite a prohibition of disclosure of the contact information to the user.